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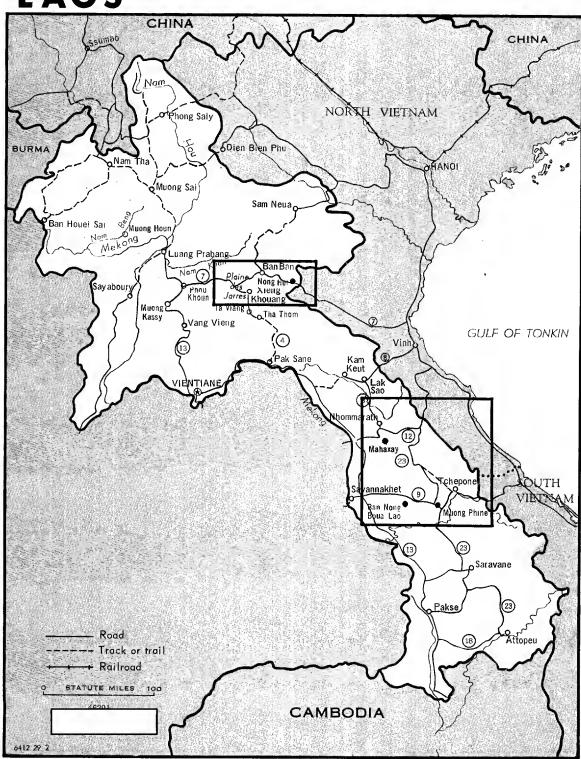
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where rightist forces last week stepped up their mili-

substantial North Viet-

at least 500 North Vietnamese troops had been reported moving along Route 12 toward Mahaxay/

namese and Pathet Lao reinforcements--possibly several battalions--have moved south along Route 23 toward the Muong Phine area. Although their ultimate destination is unknown, they may be slated for deployment along Route 9 to the Ban Nong Boua Lao area

Numerous Communist vehicles continue to move into Laos along Route 7. On 23-24 December, 100 vehicles were observed traveling between Nong Het, a small town near the North Vietnamese border, and Ban Ban, a supply depot east of the Plaine des Jarres?

Meanwhile, tensions have heightened in Vientiane, where rival rightist factions continue to maneuver for power. There are no firm indications that either group is planning an imminent takeover, but such a move

could be easily triggered?

their forces in several areas.

(Map)

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